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CEWARN holds Third Rapid Response Fund (RRF) Steering Committee Meeting



From left: Ag. Director of CEWARN Mr. Raymond Kitevu (partly hidden), Representative of IGAD Secretariat Bwangu Apuuli, CEWERU Head of Kenya and member of the RRF Steering Committee Mr. Samuel K. Maina and CEWERU Head of Djibouti Mr. Abdi Houssein (far right)

The Steering Committee of the CEWARN Rapid Response Fund (RRF) which manages the regional basket fund that supports national and cross-border peace building projects in CEWARN's areas of reporting held its third meeting from 13-14 May 2010 in Addis Ababa.

The Committee whose membership is comprised of heads of national Conflict Early Warning and Response Units (CEWERUs); representatives of civil society organizations and development partners of CEWARN, reviewed projects that were received from CEWARN's local level stakeholders in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda.

The proposals request for funding of projects targeted at preventing, de-escalating or resolving cross-border pastoralist and related conflicts.

Following the review process, the CEWARN Ag. Director Mr. Raymond Kitevu who also chairs the committee announced the Steering Committee meeting's decision to approve for funding a total of eleven projects – one from Djibouti; 4 from Ethiopia and Kenya each as well as two from Uganda.

The Committee deferred the remaining six projects for further review and development, until its next meeting. The meeting also consulted on building the capacity of national CEWERUs with a view to equipping them to effectively develop RRF project

proposals as well as oversee their implementation.

The RRF is designed to support short-term and quick-impact projects targeted at Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (CPMR) of cross-border Pastoralist and related conflicts in the IGAD sub-region.

Projects supported by RRF include dialogue initiatives; immediate support activities for vulnerable pastoralists; projects related to improving communities' access to resources as well as projects relating to capacity building as well as awareness creation amongst target communities. Projects are also required to meet a set of formal and substantive criteria including a budget ceiling of 50,000 USD.

The regional basket fund has so far received funding from the governments of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, UK as well as GTZ and the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). ♦

CEWARN contributes to IGAD Communications Strategy Workshop



Standing Mr. Verner Kristiansen, facilitator of the IGAD Communications Strategy Workshop, engages participants in discussions

The IGAD Secretariat held a communications Strategy Workshop aimed at developing a comprehensive public relations and communications strategy. The workshop that was held from 10-12 May at Jupiter Hotel in Addis Ababa brought together representatives of IGAD Programmes; IGAD focal persons located in Member States as well as representatives of IGAD specialized offices including CEWARN.

The workshop looked at existing efforts in publishing, website management and external relations in view of the current drive within IGAD towards organizational revitalization. Accordingly, the workshop had sessions that were dedicated to a situation analysis of communications activities in IGAD Secretariat and specialized offices as well as discussion on inputs (in terms of defining objectives; target groups; communication channels; messages as well as tools for monitoring and evaluation) for the envisaged communications strategy.

CEWARN was represented by the Public Relations and Communications Officer Ms. Tigist Hailu who shared CEWARN's experience in developing a PR and Communications strategy as well as related activities in terms of publications, media relations and outreach activities. ♦

News from CEWARN's Areas of Reporting



Incidents and Outcomes for Dikhil, Karamoja and Somali Clusters, May 2010				
	Djibouti	Ethiopia	Kenya	Uganda
Violent Incidents	1	3	0	31
Human Deaths	0	3	0	20
Net Livestock Losses	0	2	0	282

CEWARN conducts training on new features of the Reporter

CEWARN conducted training on new features of the CEWARN Reporter software tool that it uses to systematically store and analyze early warning information.

The Country and Assistant Country Coordinators of Ethiopia; Country Coordinators of Kenya and Uganda as well as the Assistant Country Coordinator of Sudan who are responsible for collection and analysis of early warning data in respective Member States participated in the training. The training covered the various conflict analysis tools of The Reporter and enhanced features in relation to quality control and management of field data. ♦

May in Pictures



The IGAD Communications Strategy workshop deliberations



Mr. Maina Karaba, Ag. Director, Agriculture and Environment at the IGAD Secretariat making a presentation on IGAD's communications efforts.



Above: Mr. Josaphat Wachira, USAID/EA (left) and Ms. Helen Hailu from the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) who are representatives of CEWARN's key donors and members of the Steering Committee of CEWARN RRF, at the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting, 13-14 May 2010 in Addis Ababa.



Some of the participants of the IGAD Communications Workshop.

Upcoming events:

- *CEWARN Public Lecture on Pastoralist Livelihoods, Climate Change and Conflict in Ethiopia, 21 June, Harmony Hotel, Addis Ababa*
- *Karamoja Women for Peace building Networking meeting, 25-26 June 2010, in Eldoret Town, Kenya.*
- *CEWARN will be participating at the forum on a preventing election related violence organized by PACT and USAID/EA, from 21-25 June 2010 in Mombassa, Kenya.*